



The St. James' Journal Newsletter

17th January 2025



MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wonder what your experiences were of learning maths at Primary school? It is such an important subject and at St James' we are passionate about children having positive experiences of maths and being confident in themselves.

School follows the White Rose Maths scheme [here](#). We use a range of representations and models (also called manipulatives) to help children to understand concepts. There are so many ways that you can help your child develop confidence. We send the KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) for home learning (see class pages on website). In the infants lots of counting and playing games like [this](#) will help. In the juniors, supporting your child to learn their times tables will be really beneficial.

Lets keep working hard to give our children a strong start at this crucial subject.



Collective Worship

Acts 20:35 "It is more blessed to give than to receive"

This week we learned about our link school in Eldoret in Kenya. Miss White showed us videos of children playing and members of St James' church visiting. It is such a privilege to support this school. Last year your kind donations on non-uniform day enabled them to purchase a printer for the school.

Update us

Have you moved or changed your contact details recently?

Please inform the office asap.

Attendance

It is vital that your child is in school on time every day.

The class with the best attendance this week was:



WILLOW

Infant Parents Information:

Whilst waiting for school to open; please do not allow children to play on the grass, or the outdoor provision on the infant yard.

Thank you.



Poppy Appeal 2024

Your kindness and generosity has raised a wonderful sum of £283.99 for the 2024 Poppy Appeal!

This means that the Royal British Legion are able to continue their work in helping the serving and ex-service communities.

Golden Ticket

Pupils who go **over and above** to demonstrate our school values will be awarded a 'Golden Ticket' and will be placed in the draw for prizes at the end of term. The following children have been awarded a Golden Ticket:

Felix & Jaxon (Chestnut)

STARS OF THE WEEK

Acorn

Eliza & Lincoln

Ash

Jessica Rose & Bailey

Birch

Joshua & Darcie T

Chestnut

Jacob & Ellie

Rowan

Rose & Isla

Oak

Harry D, Harry C & Harry B

Willow

Reuben & Alfie

Hawthorn

Joey & Rose

Alder

Jayden & Hector

Sycamore

Yura & Frank

There has been a lot of exciting learning going on this week.....

CLASS NEWS



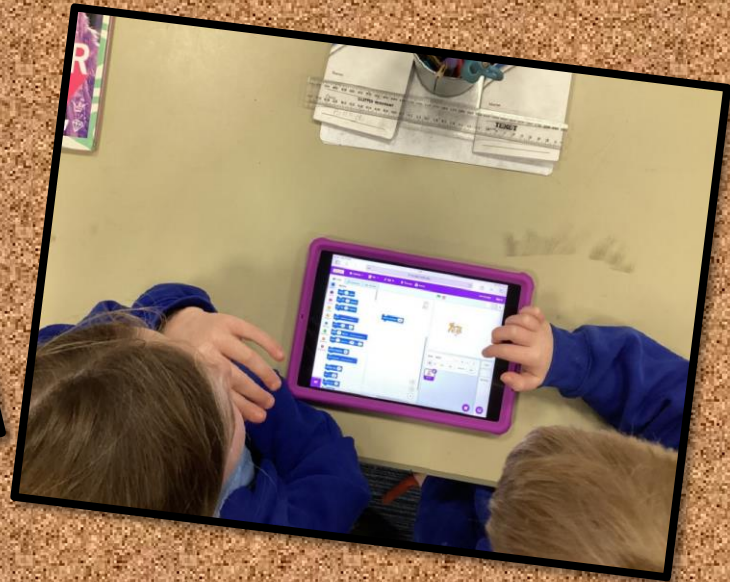
Willow class have enjoyed starting their Forest school where they have been enjoying the snow as well as making bird nests.



Acorn class have enjoyed going on a bear hunt this week.



Hawthorn have been experimenting with mixing tints and shades in art.



Birch class are really enjoying their computing lessons. We have been exploring Scratch and familiarising ourselves with the different commands to control our sprite.

Rowan class played a two-part African song on the glockenspiels this week in music and it sounded amazing!



Alder Class have started learning about the Solar System in science. The children enjoyed placing the planets in the correct order and coming up with their own sentence to remember the order!



Oak Class: In geography this week we made a journey stick of things we found on our journey from the class to the eco zone.



PIC•COLLAGE

Ash Class have enjoyed learning about programming, discovering which commands and algorithms will run the BlueBot robots correctly.